End of Year Report – Field Team

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Assigned Field Areas: William Mead, Solano Canyon, Chinatown, Victor Heights, Angelino Heights, Temple-Beaudry, Westlake up to 3rd Street and University Park

I. Events/Activities/Programs:

FIRST QUARTER:

- Dia de Reyes- William Mead Homes
  - January 7, 2019
  - 150 Attendees
  - Community: Chinatown (William Mead Homes)
  - Co-sponsors: Alma Family Services, Soledad Enrichment Action, Los Angeles Housing Authority and William Mead Resident Advisory Council.

- Madres Que Lunchan Monthly Clean Up.
  - January 8, 2019.
  - Community: Westlake
  - 25 attendees.
  - Community: Westlake
  - Co-sponsors: LAUDS-Hoover Elementary, Department of Public Works-Office of Community Beatification and LA Sanitation.

- Chinatown Housing Rights Workshop
  - January 30, 2019
  - 45 attendees
  - Community: Chinatown
  - Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department, Recreation and Parks.

- Madres Que Lunchan Monthly Clean Up.
  - February 5, 2019.
  - 35 attendees.
  - Community: Westlake
  - Co-sponsors: LAUDS-Hoover Elementary, Department of Public Works-Office of Community Beatification and LA Sanitation

- Chinatown Golden Dragon Parade
  - February 9, 2019
  - 500+ attendees.
  - Community: Chinatown, Citywide
  - Co-Sponsors: Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, Cathay Bank, Chinatown BID, etc...

- Chinatown Firecracker 5/10K run
  - February 16, 2019
  - 1000+ attendees
  - Community: Chinatown
  - Co-Sponsors: Firecracker Committee

- Bob Baker Day
  - February 23, 2019
  - 800+ attendees
  - Community: Chinatown and surrounding community
  - Co-Sponsors: Bob Baker Theater, Los Angeles State Park

- Buena Vista Hill Disc Golf Grand Opening
  - February 24, 2019
  - 45 attendees
  - Community of Solano Canyon and Elysian Park
  - Co-Sponsors: Recreation and Parks

- Hoover Elementary School Know your Rights Workshop
  - February 26, 2019
  - 50 attendees
  - Community of Westlake
  - Co-Sponsor: LAUSD, Ferias Legales and Madres que Luchan.

- Northeast Little League Opening Day
  - March 16, 2019
  - 500+ attendees
  - Community: Communities surrounding Elysian Park
  - Co-Sponsors: LA Dodgers, Dept. of Recreation and Parks.

- Temple-Beaudry Beatification Project
  - March 23, 2019
  - 100+ Attendees
  - Communities: Westlake, Temple-Beaudry.
  - Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Unified School District, Betty Plasencia Elementary, and Echo Park Troop 121.

- Westlake Housing Rights Workshop
  - March 27, 2019
  - 45 attendees
  - Community: Westlake
  - Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department, Ferias Legales, Los Angeles Unified School District.

- LAPD Rampart Station 150 Anniversary
  - March 30, 2019
  - 400+ Attendees
  - Communities: Westlake, Pico Union
  - Co-Sponsors: LAPD Rampart Station

SECOND QUARTER:

- 1st Annual Veterans Stand Down Event
  - April 13, 2019
  - 150 Attendees
  - Community: Victor Heights, Chinatown, Angelino Heights
  - Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Fire Department, Rio de Los Angeles Veterans Circle.

- 2nd Annual Rampart Station Spring Festival
  - April 13, 2019
  - Community: Westlake, Pico Union
  - Co-Sponsors: LAPD Rampart Station, El Centro Del Pueblo, Heluna Health, Volunteers of America.

- William Mead Dia Del Nino
  - April 19, 2019
  - 200 attendees
  - Community: Chinatown, William Mead
  - Co-Sponsors: Housing Authority City of Los Angeles, Alma Family Services, Soledad Enrichment Action and the William Mead Resident Advisory Council.

- Domestic Violence Awareness Celebration
  - April 20, 2019
  - 145 Attendees
  - Community: Westlake, Pico Union, surrounding communities
  - Co-Sponsors: LAPD Rampart, Volunteers of America and Becky's Angels Organization.

- Tenant Leadership Academy Workshop
  - May 2, 2019
  - 50 Attendees
  - Community: Westlake, Pico Union, University Park

- Co-Sponsors: Inquilinos Unidos and Council District

❖ Nightingale Middle School Annual Health Resource Fair
- May 15, 2019
- 200 attendees
- Community: Cypress Park, Highland Park
- Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Unified School District.

❖ 2nd Annual Community Resource Fair at Miguel Contreras Learning Academy
- May 11, 2019
- 315 Attendees
- Community: Westlake, Temple Beaudry, Pico Union, Echo Park
- Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Unified School District, Miguel Contreras Learning Academy.

❖ Lincoln Heights Housing Rights Workshop
- May 15, 2019
- 45 attendees
- Community: Lincoln Heights
- Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department, Ferias Legales, Secret Heart High School

❖ William Mead Mother's Day Celebration
- May 16, 2019
- 100 attendees
- Community: William Mead Homes
- Co-Sponsor: HACLA, Alma Family Services, Soledad Enrichment Action, Resident Advisory Council, Boys and Girls Club of William Mead.

❖ LADOT Outreach Community Meeting
- June 1, 2019
- 25-35 Attendees
- Community: Glassell Park
- Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Department of Transportation

❖ Westlake Housing Rights Workshop
- June 26, 2019
- 45 attendees
- Community: Westlake, Pico Union
- Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department, Ferias Legales, Los Angeles Unified School District.

❖ LAPD 19th Annual Swing-A-Thon at Elysian Park
- June 14, 2019
- 500 + Attendees
- Community: Temple Beaudry, Temple-Beaudry, Angelino Heights, Victor Heights.

- Co-Sponsors: Police Department, LA Dodgers, Recreation and Parks and LA County Sheriff Department.

❖ William Mead Father's Day Sports Tournament
- June 14, 2019
- 110 Attendees
- Community: William Mead
- Co-Sponsors: HACLA, Alma Family Services, Soledad Enrichment Action, Resident Advisory Council, Boys and Girls Club of William Mead.

❖ Pop-up Know your Rights (1255 Sunset Tenants).
- June 26, 2019
- 25 Attendees
- Community: Echo Park
- Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department-First Time Home Owners Program.

THIRD QUARTER:

❖ Westlake Clean Up
- July 2, 2019
- 25 Attendees
- Community: Westlake, Korea Town
- Co-Sponsors: Madres que Luchan, Hoover Elementary School, Public Works-Office of Community Beautification, LASAN.

❖ Pop-up Know your Rights (1255 Sunset Tenants).
- June 26, 2019
- 25 Attendees
- Community: Echo Park
- Co-Sponsors: Ferias Legales

❖ 2019 Lotus Festival
- July 13, 2019
- 5000+ Attendees
- Co-Sponsors: Lotus Inc. Committee, Recreation and Parks, Council District 4 & 13.

❖ LAPD Rampart Station Inspection
- July 24, 2019
- 300 + Attendees.
- Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Police Department

❖ Cypress Park Housing Rights Workshop
- July 24, 2019
- 45 attendees
- Community: Cypress Park, Glassell Park

- Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department, Ferias Legales, Los Angeles Unified School District

❖ Chinatown Community Clean-up / Resource Fair
- August 3, 2019
- 200+ Attendees
- Community: Chinatown, Victor Heights
- Co-Sponsors: Alpine Recreation Center, Recreation and Parks, Central City Action Committee and Alma Family Services.

❖ Echo Park Pool Party
- August 24, 2019
- 350+ Attendees
- Community: Echo Park, Temple Beaudry, Angelino Heights, Westlake.
- Co-Sponsors: Recreation and Parks – Aquatics, El Centro Del Pueblo, Heluna Health, LAPD-Rampart Station, FilmLA.

❖ Elysian Park Community Clean Up
- August 25, 2019
- 50 + Attendees
- Community: Solano Canyon
- Co-Sponsors: Citizen Committee to Save Elysian Park, Recreation and Parks, Solano Canyon Community.

❖ Glassell Park Housing Rights Workshop
- August 28, 2019
- 25 attendees
- Community: Glassell Park
- Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department, Ferias Legales

❖ William Mead Movie Night
- September 20, 2019
- 155 Attendees
- Community: William Mead Homes
- Co-Sponsors: HACLA, Alma Family Services, Soledad Enrichment Action, Resident Advisory Council, Boys and Girls Club of William Mead.

❖ Homeboy 5K
- September 21, 2019
- 2000+
- Community: Chinatown, surrounding Communities.
- Co-Sponsors: Homeboy Industries

❖ University Park Housing Rights Workshop
- September 24, 2019
- 25 attendees
- Community: University Park, Pico Union

- Co-Sponsors: Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department, Ferias Legales, Recreation and Parks

FORTH QUARTER:

- Temple-Beaudry Community Clean Up –phase 2
  - October 12, 2019
  - 35 Volunteers
  - Community: Temple Beaudry, Westlake
  - Co-Sponsors: Echo Park Troop 121, Central City Action Committee.

- Eastside Market 90th Anniversary
  - October 19, 2019
  - 200+ Attendees
  - Community: Victor Heights, Chinatown, District 1
  - Co-Sponsors: Owners of Eastside Market, Council District 1.

- Rampart "Westlake" Fall Festival
  - October 19, 2019
  - 400+ Attendees.
  - Community: Westlake, Pico Union
  - Co-Sponsors: LAPD Rampart, El Centro Del Pueblo, Heluna Health, Volunteers of America.

- Alpine Recreation Center Halloween Festival
  - October 26, 2019
  - 120+ Attendees
  - Community: Chinatown
  - Co-Sponsors: Recreation and Parks

- William Mead Halloween Festival
  - October 30, 2019
  - 145 Attendees
  - Community: William Mead Homes
  - Co-Sponsors: HACLA, Alma Family Services, Soledad Enrichment Action, Resident Advisory Council, Boys and Girls Club of William Mead.

- Temple-Beaudry Community Clean Up – Phase 3
  - November 19, 2019
  - 45 Volunteers
  - Community: Westlake, Temple Beaudry
  - Co-Sponsors: Echo Park Troop 121, Central City Action Committee.

- University Park Community Thanksgiving Gathering.
  - November 14, 2019
  - 100+ Attendees
  - Community: University Park

- Co-Sponsors: Office of Community Beatification, Madres al Servicio de La Comunidad, LACC

❖ Westlake Community Movie Night and Resource Fair
- November 15, 2019
- 110 Attendees
- Community: Westlake
- Co-Sponsors: Gratts Learning Academy, Volunteers of America

❖ William Mead Holiday Festival
- December 9, 2019
- 200+ Attendees
- Community: William Mead Homes
- Co-Sponsors: HACLA, Alma Family Services, Soledad Enrichment Action, Resident Advisory Council, Boys and Girls Club of William Mead.

❖ Echo Park Christmas Parade
- December 14, 2019
- 1000+ Attendees
- Community: Echo Park, Temple Beaudry, Angelino Heights.
- Co-Sponsors: Echo Park Parade Committee, Council District 13

❖ Rolling in the Deep Christmas Toy Run
- December 15, 2019
- 3000+ Attendees.
- Co-Sponsors: Rolling Deep 4 Charities, Los Angeles Dodgers, Car/Motorcycle Clubs throughout LA County.

❖ Holiday Community Festival
- December 20, 2019
- 200 Attendees
- Co-Sponsors: Homeboy Industries.

II. Accomplishment/Improvements:

- Project: Dodger traffic Study.
  - Summary: Traffic Study was conducted around the Communities surrounding the stadium. Scoop of work has been submitted by Gibson Transportation. A committee of Residents was created to have their input on Key location to study. Study Determine that an estimate of 10% of Dodger traffic is entering gate D located in the community of Solano Canyon. Study also determine what can be done to resolve the traffic within the communities. More to follow.

- Project: Traffic Improvements
  - Summary: Constituents throughout the district contacted our office to request assistance with reducing speeding on their streets. Worked with LADOT, LAPD and Staff to approve Traffic Improvements.
  - Outcome: New All Way Stop signs have been installed or work orders have been issues at the below locations:

    - Solano Canyon at Solano Avenue and Bouett
    - University Park at 22nd Street and Union Avenue
    - Highland Park at Avenue 50 and Aldama
    - Highland Park at Avenue 53 and Monte Vista.
    - Lincoln Heights at Alhambra and Sichel
    - Lincoln Heights at Alhambra and Johnston
    - Glassell Park at Avenue 31 and Verdugo Place
    - Glassell Park at Avenue 33 and Verdugo Place

- Project: Oversize Parking on Residential Streets.
  - Summary: Group of residents contacted our office to request assistance with large Vehicles parking on street. Worked with LADOT, LAPD and Staff to approve and install Parking Restrictions.
  - Outcome: No Oversize vehicle signs were installed on both the South and North side of the streets.

- Project: No Left Right at Bouett and Solano
  - Summary: Residents who reside on Bouett constantly complaining of vehicles flooding Bouett Street during the AM traffic making it impossible for Properties Owners/Tenants enter and exit their driveways. Working with LADOT Community now can enter/exit their driveways safely.
  - Outcome: No Right Turn at the intersection of Bouett and Solano Avenue.

- Project: Disable Parking space in front of 2701 San Marino Street
  - Summary: After a decade of Department not having a clear policy on Blue curbs throughout the district.
  - Outcome: This location has been soft approved for a Blue curb.

- Project: Preferential Parking Districts, Cont. to 2020
  - Summary: Currently overseeing 6 Preferential Parking Districts projects throughout the District which all are going through Phase 4 – Circulation of Resident Petition. Below are community currently going through the process

    - Lincoln Park, Parking District # 197
    - Pico Union, Parking District # 303
    - Temple-Beaudry, Parking District # 307
    - Highland Park, Parking District # 309
    - Cypress Park – Maceo Street, Pending district number.
    - Westlake - 10th Street, Parking District Pending Number.
    - Westlake - Rampart Street, Parking District Pending Number

- Project: Speed Hump Program
  - Summary: Currently overseeing the Speed hump program for Council District One. Since LADOT re-instated the Speed Hump program 4 Communities have received a speed hump in their respected communities (Pico Union, Highland Park, Cypress Park, Lincoln Heights and Glassell Park) Jan 2020 will start Cycle 6 which will allow 450 Residents to apply for their communities. Out of the 450 entries, two communities get selected as Speed Hump recipients.

- Housing Rights Workshops Throughout District
  - This year a total of Fifteen (15) housing rights were hosted through the district. In 2019 we were able to educate over 2000 Tenants/Property Owners on their rights under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance. Also, we added free Legal Advice with the partnership of Ferias Legales and also provided resources for those Tenants that were interested in becoming property Owners under the City of Los Angeles - Department of Housing + Investments Department First Time Home Owners Program.

- Project: Housing Issues District Wide

  - Summary: Over the past year we have been working with Tenants of 1253-1255 West Sunset Blvd, 714 -760 Grand View Street 1100 S Vermont and 437-503 Westlake Avenue. As they are currently facing Eviction under the Allis Act Law. Outcome: A full deployment of resources have been provided such as Housing Rights Workshops, Free Legal Advice for each Tenant and Assistance in granting them an extension on their tenancy.

- Emerald/Toluca Stairs Beatification Project
  - Worked with Echo Park Troop 121 to have a Boy Eagle Drive community mural/landscaping project. Committee of troops and Community

III. Anticipated/Accomplishments for 2020:

- 15-20 Housing Rights.
  - Continue educating the Residents on all new Changes coming to RSO. In 2020 would like to add those properties built after 1978.
- Alicia Brown Square/Beautification project – Solano Canyon
  - Working with Community to installed an Alicia Brown Square and beautify the area where Alicia Brown resided. This includes removing all overgrown vegetation, repainting all faded curbs and planting trees, native plants.
  - Pending Community Petition.

- Leeward Community Beatification Project
  - Community Driven project. Joint effort with City Agencies, Community Group, and Council District 10. Project is currently in ideas stage. Next step is design and approval by all involved groups.
  - Project is being continued from 2019 Projects as currently pending funding and design.

- Occidental Medians Beautification Project
  - Redesigning the landscaping that has not been improved in years. In 2019 held a series of Community meetings to receive input on what the community would like to see. Meeting held with the Department of Recreation and Parks. Pending Design from Rec and Parks and a final community meeting.
  - Project is being continued from 2019 Projects as currently pending funding and design.

- Training on MyLA311
  - This initiative is being developed as an education campaign. The data has showed that CD 1 Communities are not utilizing this system. This project is being mirror using CD 1 Keep it Clean program.

- Project: CD 1 Pop up Monthly Community Cleanups
  - Established groups to conduct monthly clean ups throughout oversee communities and educate residents on how to Keep it Clean.

- Transportation Related Projects:
  - Working with LADOT to install additional safety projects throughout the South.

- Link us Project Quite zone – William Mead
  - Summary: As part of the outreach that Metro conducted for the Link US project, they received complaints from the William Mead Homes (WMH) residents regarding train horn noises. In April 2018 Metro completed a noise field survey which recorded on many occasions during the early morning hours that train horns. Metro estimated over 50% of the train horns experienced by the WMH residents could be eliminated with a Quiet Zone near the N. Main Street on the west bank. Plan is to work with Metro, LADOT, BOE, and the Federal Railroad Administration.

- William Mead Beatification Mural
  - Summary: Residents at William Mead have been complaining about the constant graffiti that is happening at the Dept. Water and Power Located at Leroy Street. Working with DWP, Community Group and Local Artist, plan is to create two murals that will be added to a larger mural that is well respected by the Community.

- As 2020 moves forward more projects will be developed and executed.

IV. OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES

- For this upcoming 2020 year, I see a few challenges, not only in the areas I cover but District wide. I believe that the increase of Tenant evictions via State Law "Allis Act" will be a major challenge district wide. This law prevents the City to hold or stop the eviction. Until this law is revised we will continue to work and educate Tenants on their rights under the City of Los Angeles Housing Rent Control Ordinance.

  A second concerning challenge in my coverage area is the increase of Homelessness. With the times changing in the City and rents increasing I've notice many constituents living in their Motor Homes, and I foresee that increasing. The obstacles we face regarding this issue is the lack of resources we don't have to help our district 1 residents.